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TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE
September 13,1999 through August 21, 2000
U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

| <i>Quota Recipients</i> | <i>1999/2000 Quota, Metric Tons</i> | <i>1999/2000 Imports, Metric Tons</i> | <i>Percent of TRQ Used</i> |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Argentina | 10,750 | 9,407 | 87.5% |
| Brazil | 80,200 | 41,953 | 52.3% |
| Chile | 2,750 | 0 | 0.0% |
| European Union | 10,000 | 2,835 | 28.4% |
| Guatemala | 10,000 | 2,057 | 20.6% |
| Malawi | 12,000 | 8,016 | 66.8% |
| Philippines | 3,000 | 142 | 4.7% |
| Thailand | 7,000 | 4,459 | 63.7% |
| Zimbabwe | 12,000 | 2,351 | 19.6% |
| Residual 2/ | 3,000 | 3,000 | 100.0% |
| Total | 150,700 | 74,220 | 49.3% |

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first- come/first- served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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